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Hecht's people arrived early this morning to take down curtains, and Mr. Powell, our friend the plumber, to drain the pipes.

I skittered off to the Department.

At 10:30 I went to see George Humphrey, whom I like so much. I gave him the preliminary draft of the High Authority's letter on the anticipated demand for a loan of 500 million dollars. I told him ~~that~~ it was under study in the various Governmental agencies concerned, and we had some discussion of it. We then talked of EDC, partridge shooting and other subjects.

At noon I appeared before the Planning Group and discoursed on European integration. There were a good many questions, mostly skeptical, of France's ability to be politically serious or constructive.

Lunched in the officers' dining room with Don Lourie, Howland Sargeant, Ken Scott and Herman Phleger.

Meeting this afternoon to settle various administrative affairs for our mission.

Tonight we went to the Wisners' for a dinner of wild duck. The Grahams were there but left just before dinner. The Fulbrights and the Allen Dulleses were the other guests. Bill Fulbright thinks McCarthy is strong only in the large cities. In Arkansas he carries no weight. Bill says he is almost universally disliked and distrusted in the Senate, but ~~he~~ has a following of about a dozen colleagues. He thinks him a most dangerous and mentally dishonest man. Fulbright said the feeling in Congress is almost solid that foreign aid appropriations will be limited and almost impossibly conditioned if France does not ratify the EDC treaty within a few months.

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